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CONTINUOUS CASTER START-UP OPERATION AND

PREDICTING START CAST BREAKOUTS

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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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Response to Official Action

Dear Sirs:

This is in reply to the Office letter dated June 9, 2005.

Please amend the claims 15 to 19 as indicated.